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## New tax proposals: link all debts, end income tax breaks

By **SILOMO MAOZ**  
Post Economic Reporter

The economic cabinet next Tuesday will consider a set of tax law amendments establishing full linkage on all debts and abolition of income tax deductions for linkage payments on other tax bills.

The proposals' purpose is to counter the growing tendency of late tax payment, encouraged by relatively low interest rates for tax-deductible debt. The practice makes the tax authorities a source of finance for delinquent taxpayers. Increases in the interest charged has failed to keep up with inflation over the last two years.

As soon as they are approved, the amendments will be sent to the Knesset for legislative approval.

According to the new regulations, a standard rate of interest, determined by the finance minister, will be charged for the first 30 days after the payment is due. After that, full linkage to the price index will apply, even if the delay in payment was approved. If the tax-deductible rate was not approved, an additional fine of 0.5 per cent a week will be added.

None of the interest, fine or linkage differential will now be deductible from income tax payments. This, it is hoped, will put

an end to the practice of buying tax-exempt linked bonds instead of paying taxes on time.

On income tax payments, interest will be charged from the end of the fiscal year until the due date for tax returns, after which debts will become fully linked until payment is actually made. Until now, linkage was not applied until six months after the end of the fiscal year.

Another change will eliminate the two-year limit on linkage of tax payments where assessment was not finalized. The existing regulation has become a loophole for large firms whose taxes are hard to assess.



A Tel Aviv hotel has found its own solution to the trash problem during the garbage collectors strike. Zvi, with his horse-drawn cart, passes by the Hilton every day and takes the refuse to the Jaffa municipal dump. Story — page 2. (Giora Salmi)

## Consensus at Cairo meeting Time to talk substance on autonomy

By **ANAN SAFADI**  
Post Mideast Affairs Editor

CAIRO — Egypt, Israel and the U.S. yesterday resolved to come to grips with the substance of the autonomy scheme being offered to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip in order to encourage the local Arab leadership to join the negotiations. The three countries so far have discussed only procedural matters — and the prolonged negotiations have cast doubts on the negotiators' ability to reach an agreement by the target date of next May.

The decision to tackle substance followed a tripartite meeting held here by the chief autonomy negotiators of the three countries —

Egyptian Premier Mustapha Khalil, Interior Minister Yosef Burg and U.S. presidential envoy Sol Linowitz. The session took place at Khalil's office on People's Assembly Avenue in the city centre.

Burg and Linowitz had flown to the Egyptian capital from Israel for a three-hour conference which temporarily substituted for an autonomy plenary session which Khalil could not attend in Herzliya yesterday.

The three negotiators decided that the next plenary session will be held next Wednesday at Cairo's Mena House Hotel. Linowitz will be absent, due to previous commitments in Washington.

Next week's talks were seen as having been set to enable outstanding

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## Coalition deserts Sharon

By **ARYEH RUBINSTEIN**  
Post Knesset Reporter

The coalition's deputies deserted Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday when he tried to make a motion for the agenda by Likud whip Pessah Grupper (Liberals) on the plight of the flower export industry he struck from the agenda.

Opposition MKs jumped at the chance of humiliating Sharon, and joined forces with the coalition. Grupper's motion was referred to the Economic Committee, with only Sharon himself voting against it.

Grupper said that the once-profitable flower industry now found itself in an unprecedented crisis and was in danger of complete collapse. In 1978/79, he said, there were 6,700 flower growers, 860 million flowers were exported, and the proceeds were \$78m. But this season, he continued, the industry faced an anticipated deficit of \$1.2b.

The responsibility lay entirely at the door of the minister of Agriculture, who "should draw conclusions," Grupper charged.

Two of the reasons for the crisis, Grupper said, were poor planning on the part of the Knesset Council and the failure of the government to transmit part of its support funds to the council and the growers.

When Deputy Speaker Shoahana Arbeli called on Sharon to reply, he said he preferred to reply to Grupper's motion together with his reply on the three opposition motions for the agenda on "The plight of the country's agriculture" that were the next items on the agenda.

The advance text of Sharon's reply, distributed to reporters while Grupper was still talking, closed with his agreeing that the motion go to committee.

But Sharon never delivered that speech. After Avraham Raz-Or (Alignment), Uri Avneri (Shas) and Shmuel Toledoan (Shas) presented their motions, Sharon mounted the rostrum to reply.

Lumping Grupper's motion together with the other three, he said that the speakers had not been motivated by the good of agriculture or the welfare of the farmers.

Sharon charged that, in his three and a half years in the Knesset, he had never heard "so many words of enmity, so many words devoid of truth, so many words unconnected with the subject at hand."

He ended his two-minute speech by saying that if Knesset members wanted to discuss the problems of agriculture seriously, he would be glad to participate. As it was, he moved that all the motions be struck from the agenda.

The motions were voted on separately. Grupper's motion was referred to committee, with only

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## U.S. unveils \$120m. Saudi arms package

By **WOLF BLITZER**  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The Carter administration has submitted to Congress a new \$120m. advanced munitions sale for Saudi Arabia, which would result in more Maverick air-to-ground missiles and laser-guided bombs for the Saudis than are currently in Israel.

The sale has aroused considerable controversy in Congress, although pro-Israel political observers are not confident that this latest package can be blocked, given U.S. dependence on Saudi oil.

In outlining the package before the House International Relations Committee yesterday, State and Defense Department officials acknowledged that the new sale would add to Saudi Arabia's air-to-ground capability against Israel.

According to James Montgomery, deputy assistant director of the government's Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA), the proposed Saudi sale includes 914 Mavericks, 3,436 laser-guided bombs, 660 AIM Sidewinder air-to-air missiles, and 1,618 cluster bomb units (CBU).

Montgomery said that Israel currently has more CBU's and Sidewinders than Saudi Arabia, but not as many Mavericks and laser-guided bombs. He said Israel has about 1,200 Maverick missiles and about 1,600 laser-guided bombs.

Regarding the Mavericks, Montgomery said the proposed sale would add somewhat to the limited Saudi capability against Israel in the event of a renewal of hostilities by the Arab states. The proposed sale of the laser-guided bombs, he continued, would give the Saudis "a significantly increased air-to-ground capability against Israel."

"The proposed sales of these LGB's to Saudi Arabia would give the Saudis an inventory of 4,436 LGB's compared to 1,500 for Israel," Montgomery said.

"These numbers can take on political significance, particularly where there is a large numerical imbalance. Thus, the proposed additional LGB's to Saudi Arabia could also be used by the Israelis as justification for requesting additional LGB's or other combat equipment."

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## Implicated in Park assassination S. Korea martial law commander arrested

SEOUL (AP) — South Korea's martial law commander, Gen. Chung Seung Hwa, was arrested last night after an exchange of gunfire in connection with the October 26 assassination of President Park Chung Hee, informed sources said.

Sporadic shooting, lasting about an hour, erupted between Chung's personal guards and defence security troops who went to the martial law commander's home to arrest him, the sources said.

Four persons were rushed to a nearby hospital, one witness said. The sources said they all were Chung's aides.

There was an unconfirmed report that Chung was also wounded.

Secret testimony by Park's admitted assassin apparently implicated Chung in the plot to kill the president, the sources said.

South Korean military forces and national police were placed on alert, the sources said. A duty officer at the UN command said that

the 39,000 American troops stationed here were placed on alert, but the command's chief spokesman, Col. John Klose, emphatically denied it.

Last Saturday, former Korean CIA chief Kim Jae Kyu testified at a court-martial that he assassinated Park to end his one-man rule and carry out a "national revolution to restore democracy" in South Korea.

In open court, Kim said he invited Chung, then army chief of staff, to a dinner near the scene of the assassination because he thought it would be better if he had contact with the top army commander on the first day of his "revolution."

When martial law was declared early after the assassination, Chung became martial law commander. He is one of two four-star army generals, the other being Gen. Kim Chong Hwan, who heads the joint chiefs of staff.

## Israel embassy bombed by San Salvador terrorists

SAN SALVADOR — Leftist terrorists set off a powerful bomb in the Israeli Embassy here late on Tuesday night, but no one was injured in the explosion, police said.

The People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) claimed responsibility, saying it was to show "solidarity with the Palestinian people."

The explosion damaged one of the principal walls of the Walter Avelis building, where the embassy is located, in northeastern San Salvador.

A police spokesman said there were no diplomatic personnel in the building at the time of the explosion, about 11 p.m. on Tuesday.

In Jerusalem, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said the bomb tipped a hole in a wall of the building which houses the embassy on an upper floor.

Israel's ambassador in El Salvador, Avraham Sarlous, is currently on home leave, and the embassy is being run by Charge d'Affaires Aryeh Tsuri.

Police said they were investigating all embassies in San Salvador to make sure they were not the target of similar attacks.

In telephone calls to local radio stations after the bombing, the ERP declared its solidarity with the Popular Liberation Forces (FPL), another leftist group which kidnapped South African Ambassador Archbishop Gardner Dunn two weeks ago.

The FPL is demanding that the Salvadoran junta open diplomatic relations with the Palestine Liberation Organization in return for Dunn's safe release.

Dunn, 60, was abducted by a group of 10 armed terrorists outside the South African embassy on November 23. (AP, Reuter)

## Iran hostages won't get death sentence

QOM — Ayatollah Khomeini yesterday charged that the U.S. was fomenting turmoil in northwest Iran to mask its own crimes here, but the country's leading revolutionary judge said none of the 50 American hostages would be sentenced to death even if they appeared before spy trials.

The judge, Sheikh Sadeeh Khalkhali, told newsmen that his killer squads, who reportedly were responsible for the assassination of a nephew of the shah in Paris last week, would continue to pursue the shah himself and his followers "until we kill them all."

Khomeini increasingly has made America the scapegoat for Iran's domestic problems and earlier this week called President Jimmy Carter a traitor who should be turned out of office by the American people.

Khalkhali has no official government standing but is a close friend of Khomeini, and in his Islamic revolutionary court has personally sentenced nearly 300 of the shah's former followers to death by firing squad.

But he said of the American

hostages, "I wish the hostages to be released soon. They are our guests, and we do not like to treat our guests like this."

Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh said at least some of the hostages would be paraded before an international commission he hoped to form in the next few days to condemn American espionage activities here.

In another development, Ghotbzadeh yesterday brushed aside denials by his own ministry and Senator Edward Kennedy, and insisted that the Democratic presidential candidate had called the Foreign Ministry seeking a meeting with Khomeini.

Ghotbzadeh's announcement, in a radio interview, came a few hours after an official at the Foreign Ministry said a letter purportedly written by Kennedy and pledging support for Khomeini's revolution was a fake.

In Washington, a spokesman for Kennedy said: "The senator has had no contact whatsoever with anyone in the Iranian government — especially a letter being sent to the ayatollah." (UPI, AP)

## Hurd sees 'more diplomatic' PLO

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The British government has detected "some evolution of the PLO towards a more political, a more diplomatic approach."

"We think it is not complete," visiting British Minister of State Douglas Hurd told newsmen here yesterday. "But such as it is, we welcome it. We think it is a step in the right direction."

Hurd, a middle-ranking minister in the Foreign Office whose area of

responsibility is the Middle East, conceded that he had not persuaded Prime Minister Menachem Begin of the PLO's "evolution."

Informed sources said Hurd had defended the impending major British tanks sale to Jordan on the grounds that to aid King Hussein was to contribute to stability in the region.

Hurd goes today to Egypt, and from there to Sudan.

## Quake kills 92 in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia (UPI) — An earthquake hit southern Colombia early yesterday, causing damage and killing scores of people.

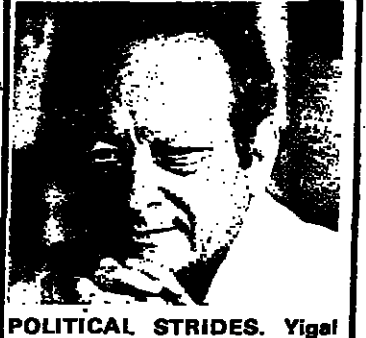
Authorities said the death toll reached at least 92 — 87 in the small riverside town of El Charco, 22 in the Pacific Coast port of El Tumaco, and 13 more in other small localities. More than 350 people were injured.

The quake at 3 a.m. (10 a.m. in Israel) also was felt strongly in neighbouring northern Ecuador.

## Carter announces \$157b. for defence

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Citing Iran as a "vivid reminder" of America's need for strength, U.S. President Jimmy Carter yesterday announced a defence budget of more than \$157b. for fiscal 1981 — an increase of 5 per cent.

Carter also said he will seek defence hikes of more than 4.5 per cent on the average over the next five years — on top of increases the Pentagon will get for inflation.



POLITICAL STRIDES. Yigal Allon isn't running yet. But he talks about his chances for the Labour leadership, and about foreign policy, in an interview with David Landau.



A DYNASTY CRUMBLES. Fereydoun Hoveyda continues his account of the fall of the Shah (pictured above with Richard Nixon).



THE EIGHTH MAN. The case of Yosef Mendelewitz, the only Jewish Leningrad trial defendant who is still in a Soviet jail, is examined by Carol Gootter.

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## Who approved Gov't House Hill project?

By **ROBERT ROSENBERG**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem planning subcommittee has issued a protocol in favour of a controversial 250-unit housing project on the slopes of one of the capital's southern hills. It was issued even though all but one of the subcommittee members had been strongly opposed to the plan, a check of many subcommittee members by The Jerusalem Post revealed yesterday.

The angered subcommittee members are demanding a meeting on Tuesday to discuss the protocol.

The decision, as it appears in writing, recommends to the Jerusalem District Planning Commission that the construction of the Abud Levi housing project on a wadi slope below Government House hill "go ahead as planned."

But all the members of the subcommittee except the chairman, Deputy Mayor Ephraim Dubek — who wrote the official protocol of the meeting — reportedly say that is not the decision they reached at their November meeting.

While the subcommittee can no longer stymie building at the site because of a 1978 District Commission decision to allow construction, the city can still object to the type of structure erected. According to a 1975 compromise reached with the District Commission, only 60 per cent of the wadi — bought by Abud Levi after the 1967 Six Day War — can be built on. And even then, only in a "sparse, low-key manner." The other 40 per cent is to be preserved as part of the city's green belt.

Levi, who has been getting much support for his project from

nationalist circles praising "the redemption of the land," has proposed a 250-unit housing project. According to the protocol from the subcommittee's meeting, that plan does not meet the sparseness criteria as laid down in the city's overall development plan.

The city's chief engineer, Amnon Niv, yesterday called the Levi plan "a dense conglomerate" that doesn't meet the criteria. According to the protocol, City Councillor Shlomo Druck said that "this proposal must explicitly cannot be considered sparse construction."

Subcommittee members demanded the special meeting of the subcommittee on Tuesday to discuss what they call Dubek's changing of the protocol.

According to subcommittee members, including two professionals employed by the city, the subcommittee decided to accept objections to the proposed housing project from the Council for a Beautiful Israel and from Mike Turner, the city's deputy head of the municipal improvement department. Subcommittee sources told The Post that these objections were to have been sent to the District Planning Commission in January, with the strong backing of the city subcommittee.

However, when the official protocol of the meeting was revealed at the city council meeting on Sunday, the sources said Dubek apparently changed the meaning of the subcommittee consensus, writing that the subcommittee "sees no alternative but to build according to the proposed manner."

Dubek said yesterday that "that's what the subcommittee

decided, and besides, the city can't stop the project," because of the District Commission's authorization.

But according to the November protocol, which was made available to The Post, Dubek appeared to be the only supporter of the plan as proposed by Levi, saying that "construction is necessary there because of national and political considerations." He recommended rejecting the objections to the proposed construction, which one architect contacted by The Post described "as laying on their side several massive high-rise buildings."

The wadi now is sparsely settled with Arab housing, and City Engineer Niv said yesterday that "any modern construction will flow the view of the site," which the Council for a Beautiful Israel says is "one of the most pristine and beautiful" in Jerusalem.

The council also cites archaeological finds in the wadi as another reason not to build there. A member of the prestigious Jerusalem Committee, architect and inventor Buckminster Fuller, has said that "the whole mystery of Jerusalem is bound up with this vista to the desert, and nothing must be done to change it." The disputed valley lies in the middle of the view from Mt. Scopus to the south.

The protocol of the meeting shows that Niv, and city architect Uri Ben-Asher all strongly oppose the density of the proposed construction at the site, and called for the objections to be strongly worded when they are sent to the District Commission in January. The city engineer's office was

feverish with activity yesterday when, during its regular Wednesday meeting, planning subcommittee members demanded a special session to discuss how the protocol was allegedly changed.

Dubek insisted yesterday that his official protocol accurately reflected the sense of the committee. But a prominent member of the council yesterday described Dubek's version of the meeting as "a laconic statement" supporting construction of what another subcommittee member called "at best a major aesthetic flaw" in the Jerusalem landscape.

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Liberals out of luck on foreign portfolio

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Liberals' chances of winning the foreign affairs portfolio are next to nil, sources close to Prime Minister Menachem Begin told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

stick in the recent government reshuffle. They lost the power of the finance portfolio and got only the meaningless job of second deputy prime minister in return.

The search for a replacement to Moshe Dayan in the Foreign Ministry has started in earnest this week and sources in the Prime Minister's Office predict that the job will be assigned within "a few weeks."

Members of the La'am Knesset faction within the Likud yesterday asked Begin to appoint Herut's Moshe Arens as foreign minister.

Tel Aviv strike averted as workers receive pay

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — A general strike in Tel Aviv was averted yesterday when Mayor Shlomo Lahat announced that November's salaries to municipal workers have been paid.

However, Theodore Kaufman, chairman of the Municipal Workers Organization said yesterday, "If the municipality fails to pay the workers' salaries in full by the eighth of the month on any future occasion, there shall be no warning strike: We'll immediately go on a general strike."

The payment of salaries was due to a transfer of funds from the Interior Ministry to the municipality yesterday morning.

But Kaufman said that at his request, the garbage truck drivers have consented to clear the garbage from hospitals and markets today.

Present company excepted

Post Knesset Staff MEK Samuel Flatto Sharon, the "Iron Man for the Knesset" currently on trial for election-rigging, will table a bill raising the minimal percentage required in Knesset elections to 8 per cent (from the present 1 per cent).

analysis of the voting patterns of members of Development and Peace. These showed that of some 18,000 new members of Development and Peace, only 46 per cent had voted for Flatto in the 1977 election.

Flatto's own one-seat Development and Peace Movement said it is confident of obtaining at least five seats in the next election. It based its prognosis on the calculations of an unidentified "senior lecturer in political science at the (unidentified) university" who briefed the movement's secretariat yesterday.

"Referring to the data in his possession," the statement said, "the lecturer determined that if Knesset elections were held today the movement would win the support of some 55,000 voters."

Escaped murderer back in prison

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Zion Abutbul, 30, who was convicted three years ago for the 1974 murder of Haim Afragan of Haifa, and escaped to France in 1976, was returned to Israel last night to continue his life imprisonment sentence.

Abutbul escaped from Assaf Harofeh Hospital where he was taken after complaining about ulcers. Although he was guarded by two policemen and sedated for surgery, he managed to escape through a lavatory window.

Abutbul was convicted of the murder along with two colleagues, Uri Barak and Moshe Danino. Danino and Mizrahi were among the leaders of the eight convicts who escaped from Ramle jail at the beginning of the year and were later recaptured.

At the end of 1978, Abutbul was arrested by the French police for possession of drugs, and was sentenced to one year in prison. Abutbul completed his sentence there before being brought back to Israel last night.

English footballer may settle here

Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi soccer officials will leave shortly for England to look over Barry Silkman, the Manchester City footballer who has expressed willingness to settle in Israel.

that he and coach Nissim Bachar would leave for the U.K. in about two weeks to watch Silkman play. Silkman has been appearing this season in Manchester City's first team during which he played exceptionally well.

Silkman is the only Jewish professional footballer playing in English first division soccer. If Tel Aviv Maccabi sign the 27-year-old forward, it will be the first time that an Israel soccer club has bought a professional footballer from abroad.

Manchester City are reported to be asking a transfer fee of £90,000 for Silkman. Tel Aviv Maccabi sold Avi Cheloni to Liverpool some months ago for £200,000.

COALITION DESERTS SHARON

(Continued from page 1) Sharon voting against Katz-Or's motion was also referred to committee, by a vote of 31-28. The other two motions were defeated.

part and from his own unwise move. Coalition executive chairman Haim Corfu of Herut, told The Post that the executive had decided prior to the vote that the matter would be transferred to committee.

SARAH HONIG adds: Likud sources yesterday discounted the notion that the party had in effect expressed no confidence in Sharon by voting against his motion to have Grupper's motion struck from the agenda.

"I think we made some real progress in advancing toward our common objective, and we have real reason for hope that we can achieve our common goals during the months ahead," he said.

Both Herut and Liberal MKs in the Likud told The Jerusalem Post last night that Sharon found himself all alone at yesterday's vote as the result of poor tactics on his own part and from his own unwise move.

Linowitz said that progress was made "in agreeing on how to proceed in the formulation of issues to be dealt with, in the assurance that we are going to be moving expeditiously toward the date for completing the negotiations."

Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders has assured Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron that no final decision on the Egyptian sale has been reached by President Carter. Discussions, however, between Washington and Cairo are continuing.

He added: "I am confident the progress we seek will be achieved." Khalil described yesterday's meeting as "very fruitful," adding that "the presence of Linowitz really contributed" to the new air of optimism.



Former foreign ministers Abba Eban and Moshe Dayan in the broadcasting studio with moderator Yitzhak Golan.

Dayan, Eban debate state for Palestinians

Post Diplomatic Correspondent Former foreign minister Moshe Dayan does not expect the West Bank and Gaza Palestinians to accept the autonomy scheme even if Israel and Egypt agree on all its details.

In the negotiations over the "permanent status," Israel's opening stance might be the retention of the Jewish settlements on the West Bank. But, Eban reminded Dayan, that had been the opening position with Egypt too, "and yet you were unable to achieve it in the end."

It is for that reason, Dayan explained, that he advocates the unilateral application by Israel of its part of the scheme, that is, the removal of the military government and redeployment of the army in "specified security locations."

Similarly, he said, once Israel "parted company from" the West Bank, even if it ceded the territory to Jordan, it could do little to determine the subsequent fate of the area.

Dayan remains flatly opposed to the notion of an independent Palestinian state, now or in the future. He said he envisages the "permanent status" of the areas as a combination of local autonomy and political affiliation to Jordan.

Dayan agreed with Eban that there was indeed little difference from Israel's viewpoint in ceding the West Bank and Gaza to Jordan, or to the Palestinians. Where he disagreed, of course, was over the question of ceding the areas at all, to any Arab sovereignty.

Abba Eban propounded his recently-adopted thesis in favour of a "Benelux-type" community to include Israel, Jordan and a Palestinian state. He contended that the preferred "Jordanian option" was not viable.

The hour-long debate was the first in a new series moderated by Yitzhak Golan.

On the assumption that such lists as "One Israel," Yitzhak Yitzhaki, Oded, the Independent Liberals, the Citizens Rights Movement and Shelli will not achieve the new minimum number of votes per Knesset seat will be around 18,500. It therefore emerges that our party stands to win five seats." Development and Peace concluded.

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U.S. special envoy Sol Linowitz is flanked by Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafaa Khalil and Interior Minister Yusef Burg as the chief autonomy negotiators exchange pleasantries in Khalil's office in Cairo yesterday.

TIME TO TALK

(Continued from page 1) ding substantive conflicts to be sorted out for discussion by President Anwar Sadat and Premier Menachem Begin at their summit meeting in Aswan on January 7.

Yesterday's talks, which were the first Linowitz has attended jointly with Burg and Khalil, were seen as signalling a basic change in approach. The former American envoy, Robert Strauss, who Linowitz replaced recently, favoured the solution of the procedural issues of autonomy first to avoid early confrontations over substance.

Linowitz, who negotiated the last phases of the Panama Canal agreement on behalf of the Carter administration, was seen in favour of tackling substance immediately. "We've got to pour content" in the autonomy scheme to make it meaningful for the inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza, he said yesterday.

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Knesset defeats bill to scrap Eilon Moreh

By ABYEH BURNSTEIN Post Knesset Reporter Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon said yesterday that "Eilon Moreh has become a symbol in the struggle for the renewed settlement of Eretz Yisrael."

The government is also determined to maintain "a security stronghold" near Nablus, Sharon said. When the Alignment was in power, the importance of this had been clear to the defence establishment, but for partisan reasons Alignment leaders today no longer understand this, Sharon charged.

He was replying to a motion for the agenda by Yosef Sarid (Alignment) calling for the dismantling of the controversial Gush Etzion settlement near Nablus.

Sharon said that, because Eilon Moreh had become such a symbol, "no flag other than Israel's would ever fly over that rocky, uncultivated hill."

The motion was struck from the agenda by a vote of 34-32. It was supported by the Alignment, Shati, the Democratic Front, Shelli, the Independent Liberals and Ya'ad.

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In compliance with the order of the High Court of Justice, the government would move the settlers to nearby Jabal Kabir, Sharon said. He said he hoped that the settlement established there would eventually become "a city and a mother in Israel."

Sharon said that, even if the Jews wanted to return to "the narrow ghetto" of the partition boundaries, there would be at least 200,000 Palestinian Arabs there.

The Arabs of Eretz Yisrael who regard themselves as Palestinians make no distinction between the Arab of Nablus and an Arab of Nazareth, Sharon observed. "For that reason, too, Eilon Moreh will rise near Nablus."

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New industrial investment down 50 per cent in 1979

By SHELOMO MAOS Post Economic Reporter The first 11 months of 1979 have witnessed a 50 per cent drop in real terms in investment approved by the Centre for New Industrial Investment in Israel, Industry, Trade and Tourism Ministry Director-General Yoram Ziv revealed yesterday.

country more of a tax shelter, and to encourage the establishment of joint ventures between Israeli and foreign firms. He said Israel should make industrial progress a clear priority, both by adopting an appropriate tax structure and by fostering research and development.

Speaking to a convention of the Bi-National (U.S.-Israel) Council for Industrial Research and Development in Jerusalem, Ziv also reported that industrial expansion investment had declined by 20 per cent, and an especially large drop was registered in development areas.

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Judges' pay linked to national average

By SHELOMO MAOS Post Economic Reporter The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved the linkage of judges' salaries to the national average salary, which is published periodically by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

justed once a year, in April, according to the Index of the Central Bureau of Statistics or the National Insurance Institute.

The judges — including those in the Moslem and Jewish religious courts — are the first group in the country to have their salaries linked to the average salary. Most salaried employees have their pay partially linked to the rise in the consumer price index, which has been more gradual than the rise in the average salary for the past few years.

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Supreme Court justices will be insured free of charge for all medical care, including hospitalization, without being bound to a specific sick fund. This will keep them free of suspicion of political affiliation, since sick funds are affiliated.

Other judges will have to join a sick fund and pay dues.

Soviet Jewish author facing trial

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — Soviet Jewish author Igor Guberman is about to face trial in a remote town for illegal transactions involving icons. But immigrant sources here say that his real crime is his refusal to inform on other Zionist activists in Moscow.

Guberman is the author of a series of popular science books, articles and stories for young readers. Since his application for an exit visa in December 1978, no one in the USSR would publish him.

Prof. Alexander Voronel and Grigori Patlas, told the press yesterday that the Soviets are now holding him in the tiny town of Zagorsk, 300 km. from Moscow. They say reporters will not be admitted to his trial.

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With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved mother and grandmother

DINA ROTH The funeral took place on December 12. Shiva at 6 Wedgewood Street, Jerusalem.

Anna and Sara Roth, Jerusalem; Celia and Finches Zampier; Ann Weisbach; Abe and Esther Roth; Charles and Ann Beth; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of my father, my grandfather and my brother

ERWIN KOHN The funeral will take place on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 12.15 p.m. at the new cemetery, Kfar Samit, Haifa.

Son and Daughter-in-law: Yochanan and Leah Kohn, Haifa; Granddaughter, Gaby Sharon and family, Be'erot; Sister: Grete Sobolov, Mangon Michael.

We announce with deep sorrow the passing of

SELLI (Selma) SILBERBERG

She bequeathed her body to science. The family in Heidelberg, Paderborn, Kfar Mansiyah.

Real estate advertisement for 'mifal hapayis' with a house icon and prices: total price \$11,732,000, first price \$12,000,000.

Weather forecast for 'The Weather at Main' with a 'swissair' logo and a table of destinations.

Weather forecast for 'THE WEATHER' with a table of local rain in the North.

Social & Personal section with text about the board chairman of the Dan Hotels Corporation and a memorial for an assembly.

Section titled 'Peres: Tal's plan unpopular in my time as minister' with text about the relationship between Peres and Tal.

Section titled 'U.S. UNVEILS' with text about the additional munitions promised to the Saudi government in 1976.

Advertisement for 'INSTITUT FRANCAIS DE TEL AVIV' with details about a public conference.

Advertisement for 'CONFERENCE PUBLIQUE' with details about a lecture by Prof. M. Duverger.



HOME NEWS

Kawasma, at roadblock, misses diplomatic lunch

By IAN BLACK Jerusalem Post Reporter Hebron Mayor Fahd Kawasma missed his lunch date with a senior diplomat yesterday because the military government took measures to prevent him and his colleagues from holding a protest demonstration against the transfer of Elon Moreh from its present site to Deir el-Hatab, near Nablus.

Shak'a, wearing a charcoal grey pin-stripe suit, argued that his presence was not in defiance of the authorities' warning to restrict himself to municipal affairs following his release from prison last week and the cancellation of the banishment order against him.

The roadblock was one of several set up all over the West Bank yesterday to prevent mayors from going to Deir el-Hatab to protest against the resettlement there of the controversial Elon Moreh outpost. The authorities say the land is state-owned.

Kawasma phoned the British Consulate to convey his apologies and explain his absence. But Hurd at a press conference in Jerusalem's Beit Agron in the afternoon, declined to comment. "I didn't have the pleasure of meeting him," he told The Post in answer to a question. (See separate story)

Meditation society suspected of hiding income, evading tax

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Israeli organizations involved in promoting Transcendental Meditation are suspected of tax evasion on IL2.5m. of income, tax authorities revealed yesterday.

The taxmen said, found that IL2.5m. of income was concealed, and Value Added Tax of over IL2m. was not paid. Registrants of courses held by the groups in Israel paid \$1,000 each, it was alleged, directly to organizations outside of the country. This added up to over IL2m. which went totally unreported, the investigators said.

Young kibbutzniks worried about apathy and dropouts

By YA'ACOV ARDON Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — Younger members of the two Labour-affiliated kibbutz movements said yesterday that some of their peers are apathetic to politics and public life, and many are dropping out of kibbutzism.

The speakers did mention that young members of the movements have established two new kibbutzim in the Galilee, Moran and Lotem, and they are planning another four. The under-35 group is holding a one-day national conference a week from today, at Ben Zion House, Kivutzat Kinneret.

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The mother of one suspect arrested in Tuesday's massive drug roundup, Sarah Shalom, began ranting yesterday in the corridor of the Jerusalem Magistrates Court when someone told her that her son had been beaten by police after his arrest. Dozens of alleged dealers were brought before judges throughout the Southern District yesterday for extension of their arrests. (Elharar, Zoom 77)

Tamra election centres on national, not local, issues

TAMRA. — The Lower Galilee Arab village of Tamra is being turned into a town with a foreign policy as the campaign for local council elections scheduled for January 19 gets into gear.

body on grounds of mismanagement, and reappointed Diab to head a new council which has held power until now. Diab is again vying for the spot in next month's elections. Observers predict that at least 90 per cent of Tamra's 4,500 eligible voters will cast ballots.

Ministry to study Etzioni report

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday appointed a ministry team to work out ways to implement the recommendations of the Etzioni Commission, which on Monday submitted the results of its study of teachers' work conditions and status.

Members will include representatives from departments such as teacher training, the pedagogical secretariat, manpower, salaries, religious education and the legal council. Hammer called on teachers not to jump the gun with strike threats, but to give the ministry a chance to study the recommendations in depth.

First Hanukka candle tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Staff The first Hanukka candle will be kindled late tomorrow afternoon to mark the 2,143rd anniversary of the rededding of the candelabrum in the Temple by Judah Maccabee. He reconquered the sanctuary from its Seleucid (Syrian) captors and purified it in 164 BCE.

Hanukka candle blessings and songs on one side, and a list of eight safety principles — one for each candle lit during the festival. Special teams of volunteers will distribute similar cards to drivers on the roads.

In a time of change in the world and in the Diaspora. Keynote addresses will be delivered by Zionist Executive chairman Arye Dulzin and Prof. Natan Rotenstreich. President Yitzhak Navon and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek will officiate at a mass candle-lighting gathering at the Beit Pomerantz community centre on Monday evening. The candles will be lit by the children of IDF war dead.

Hammer pledges to seek IL1b. to prevent split shifts

By ALAN ELSNER Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — One billion pounds may be made available this year for emergency school building and repairs to prevent split shifts in schools next year, it was agreed yesterday in a meeting between Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and 13 mayors at Union of Local Authorities headquarters here.

and even synagogues, and by all means short of large-scale building," he said. His argument failed to convince some of the mayors. Herzliya Mayor Yosef Nevo said that there was no way of avoiding split shifts in his town next year. BeerSheva Mayor Eilahu Nawi charged that Hammer had no policy, and was allowing a drift into chaos in the country's schools to take place.

Israeli medics back from Kampuchea

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Some 600,000 Kampuchean refugees are waiting to enter Thailand, and many more doctors are urgently needed there, Dr. Ya'acov Adler said Tuesday evening. He returned with the pioneer medical team sent from Israel to aid Kampuchean refugees.

Yadin: Economic austerity not end of Project Renewal

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN Post Knesset Reporter Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin told the Knesset yesterday that the fate of Project Renewal will be discussed next week, first in a meeting between him and Finance Minister Ezer Weizman and then in the economic cabinet. The project is intended to rehabilitate slum neighbourhoods with the cooperation of Jewish communities abroad.

reached Diaspora Jewry that the project might be put in cold storage as part of the government's belt-tightening measures, the Prime Minister's Office was "flooded" with cables of protest. "It is inconceivable that one of the great cooperative projects of the Jewish people, cooperation between the Jewish community of Cincinnati and the Musarara quarter of Jerusalem, should be hurt by the new economic plan" was typical of the many cables, he said.

Registration starts for Italian universities

Registration to Italian universities for the academic year 1980/81 will open on January 2 and close on February 14, the Italian embassy announced yesterday. The Italian language and general culture tests will take place in the first half of June. Only students registering will be admitted to the tests.

Israel strikes 'high' in service ranks

TEL AVIV (Itim). — In a survey of labour disputes in developed nations, Israel ranked low in the number of industrial feuds, and high in strikes by public services. This was announced by attorney Gideon Ben-Yisrael, chairman of a committee which has organized an international conference on collective bargaining and the settlement of labour disputes, to be held in Israel.

On the list of 16 nations, Israel was thirteenth for industrial strikes, and second only to Italy in strikes in services.

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Advertisement for Hotel Inter-Continental Jerusalem. Includes a Christmas message, a signature of Bertel G. Ekman, General Manager, and a list of festive events: Christmas Eve Dinner on Dec. 24, 1979, 7.00-10.00 p.m.; Christmas Day Buffet Lunch on Dec. 25, 1979, 12.30-3.00 p.m.; Christmas Dinner on Dec. 25, 1979, 7.00-10.00 p.m.; Boxing Day Lunch on Dec. 26, 1979, 12.30-3.00 p.m.; Boxing Day Dinner on Dec. 26, 1979, 7.00-10.00 p.m.



Lord Soames arrives to rule over Rhodesia

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (AP). — Lord Soames, the new governor of this rebel British colony, arrived here in the rain yesterday afternoon to restore crown rule for the first time in 14 years to end a bloody guerrilla war.



U.S. Marine Corporal William Gallegos, one of the 50 hostages in the U.S. embassy in Teheran, is interviewed by an NBC-TV crew Tuesday in the embassy compound.

Nato: Communists armed well beyond defence needs

BRUSSELS (AP). — Defence ministers of the North Atlantic (NATO) Alliance warned yesterday that the build-up of communist military power plus Soviet Russia's bid for greater global influence threaten the security of the West.

Japan train breaks 500 kph

TOKYO (AP). — A 18.5-metre-long vehicle, using the repulsive force of a super-conductive magnet, reached a speed of over 500 kms an hour in a test run yesterday.

Eight injured in bombing at Soviet's UN mission

NEW YORK (UPI). — Four police officers and four Soviets were injured late Tuesday in a bomb blast that rocked the Soviet mission to the UN, shattering windows of nearby buildings and sending razor-sharp shards of glass flying into the street.

First woman in Irish cabinet

DUBLIN (AP). — Sworn in as the Irish Republic's new prime minister after weathering a bitter parliamentary attack, Charles Haughey fired four senior ministers on Tuesday night and appointed the country's first female cabinet member.

Police battle students at Rome U.

ROME (UPI). — Italy went into its second day of violence yesterday as teargas-firing riot police battled leftist students around Rome University.

Carter moves past Kennedy in poll

CHICAGO (AP). — President Jimmy Carter has moved ahead of Senator Edward Kennedy as the Democratic Party's choice for the 1980 U.S. presidential nomination.

Menuhin's Peking concerto

PEKING (AP). — At 11 o'clock one night Yehudi Menuhin returned from dinner to his hotel room to find an eight-year-old boy waiting.

Paraguay ties Chile to win soccer cup

BUENOS AIRES (Reuter). — Paraguay won the South America Soccer Cup on Tuesday for the second time, playing out a goalless draw with Chile to win the final on aggregate goals.

Basque terrorists free kidnap victim

MADRID (Reuter). — Basque terrorists yesterday released a prominent Spanish politician they had kidnapped without winning any of the concessions they had demanded for his release.

Fiji premier offers island refuge to shah

SUVA, Fiji (AP). — The prime minister of Fiji, Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, said yesterday that he would allow the deposed shah to buy one of Fiji's islands as a refuge.

Advertisement for 'Evening of Questions and Answers' about living in Israel, held at the City Hotel, Mapu Street, Tel Aviv on Thursday, December 13, 1979 at 9 p.m.

Advertisement for 'Israeli Ski Club' annual general meeting on Thursday, December 13 at 7 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith Building, 10 Kaplan St., Tel Aviv.

Advertisement for 'Tel Aviv Region Telephone Service Administration Offices' with a table of phone numbers for various districts and services.

Advertisement for 'The Legacy of Ottoman Palestine' conference at the Jewish-Arab Centre, Monday to Friday, December 17-21, 1979.

Advertisement for 'The weekly Chamber Concert - Y.M.C.A. Auditorium' on December 18, 1979, 8.30 p.m., featuring the HOLON ORCHESTRA.

Advertisement for 'UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA' featuring 'The Jewish-Arab Centre' and 'The Institute of Middle East Studies'.

Advertisement for 'Attention All Skiers' and 'The weekly Chamber Concert' at the RAMA GIDRON Hotel.

Advertisement for 'ENTERTAINMENT' featuring 'TELEVISION' and 'CINEMAS' listings.



# Context

THE JEWS of the U.S. are alive and well. A recent tour of American communities has left me with a strong impression of bubbling vitality. Synagogues, schools and community centres are hives of activity. Organizations abound, and extensive educational, cultural and social programmes attract good attendances.

The sombre analyses and prognostications of the sociologists, demographers and educationalists, are very familiar and doubtless justified — but to get out where the action is brings renewed encouragement from the not inconsiderable number who are committed and involved. A former Israeli meteorologist once said: "Before writing down the weather forecast, look out of the window." A year though the window of American Jewry is highly refreshing.

This is not to ignore the danger signals. I asked dozens of Jews in varying walks of life, "What bothers you about American Jewry today?" Apart from the familiar problems of assimilation and education, the most frequent answer related to the deterioration in the quality of family life.

For one thing, Jews have been hit hard by the rise in the divorce rate. Estimates in some communities spoke of between a third and a half of first marriages ending in divorce. In one city where two successive presidents of the Communal Fund had been divorced, the child of the new head, on hearing of his father's appointment, asked indignantly, "Does this mean you and Mommy are going to leave each other?"

This situation has broad implications: Parents involved in long wrangles over their children or property have little time to spare for other activities. In one state I visited, the law makes both parents equal in responsibility for maintenance, so ex-wives have to work — and that plays havoc with the child-mother relationship. Single parent families abound. One community had to cancel its Sunday morning functions because that was the time ex-husbands had visiting rights with their children. One child told me wistfully that he is lonely on Sunday "because all my friends are away visiting their fathers."

COMMUNITY (and especially synagogue) life has also been affected by the impact of feminism and the rapid increase in the number of working women. Many married women are working long hours (the national work force numbers almost as many women as men). Their spare time goes to their homes and none is left over for the activities that formerly were the province of the Jewish wife: bringing the children to Hebrew classes, involvement in synagogue and cultural programmes, etc. One shrewd observer feels that the upheaval in the role of the woman has been the major change in American Jewish life over the past 15 years.

One indication of the extent of assimilation is the number of Jewish-born who maintain no Jewish affiliations whatever. The proportions differ from place to place — but the general national estimate is around 50 per cent. Jewish leaders seek ways to reach the unaffiliated — especially in New York, where the number of "hidden Jews" is very high — as it is among the country's 60,000 Jewish academics. Many people put Jewish educa-



## WHAT BOTHERS U.S. JEWS

JEWISH SCENE/Geoffrey Wigoder

tion as their chief concern. Last century, Jewish education was organized communally. In the 1920s and 1930s the synagogues entered the field aggressively. Now there is a shift with the re-entry of communal institutions into Jewish education. The large Federations devote a quarter of their budget to education.

Nevertheless the picture is far from encouraging. Quantitatively, the number of children between the ages of 7 and 17 getting a Jewish education dropped by 40 per cent between 1965 and 1975 — and has remained at a low level. A large number have no education at all: in Detroit I was told that 40 per cent had no Jewish education and this proportion is not unusual. Qualitatively, education is generally poor with a lack of properly qualified teachers. I found an almost unanimous reaction among young adults: they had been turned off by their Jewish education and had gained nothing from it. They had taken exception to having to attend classes in late afternoons and Sunday mornings; they had not identified with the subject-matter; they had found the standards well below that of their general education. The whole experience evoked resentment and rejection. Some, however, had had a good experience in the framework of Jewish Studies programmes at university level — even though these tended to be superficial.

RECENT developments have raised some concern over black-Jewish relations, although one observer felt that Jews were still not suf-

ciently alive to the situation. In a recent poll which asked, "Do you believe there is strong anti-Jewish feeling among blacks?" there was a 18 per cent Yes reply among Jews, but 34 per cent among blacks. One emerging pattern is that, unlike among the whites, whose anti-Semitism decreases among the educated, among the blacks, the more education the more anti-Semitism. As the blacks are becoming more educated, this may bode ill.

Apart from the black angle, I heard few expressions of concern regarding anti-Semitism. Indications of a growth in the Ku Klux Klan are being watched. This, however, is still only a small group. On the other hand, many are concerned by the implications of Republican presidential contender John Connally's willingness to criticize Israel. This is seen as a straw in the wind.

The forthcoming presidential elections arouse no enthusiasm. Ask a non-Jew why he prefers a certain candidate and he talks of economics and inflation; ask a Jew, and he talks of Israel. Everyone complains of the lack of leadership. There is disappointment with Carter's distrust of Kennedy (despite his liberal record) and the Republicans are seen as lacklustre. A few Jews spoke of Reagan or Bush but for most the issue is Carter-Kennedy. I heard a husband and wife violently disagree over Carter. He maintained that he was the worst president ever for Israel, but could not answer her question: "So who would be better?" Some

feel that when it comes to the crunch, many Jews now undecided will be voting for Carter.

A SMALL DOVISH group called New Agenda is about to make its debut in an attempt to pick up the pieces left by the B'nei B'rith movement. One reply to someone who got to the question of "What bothers you?" was the inept attempt by the Jewish establishment to suppress dissent. I was present at a discussion in which a professor remarked that Israel was a wonderful diversion for Americans; as religion was less practised, Israel's leaders had become the new rebbes of American Jewry.

"The time has come for us to cut our obsession with Israel and take a look at ourselves," he said. He was told that his attitudes were out of touch with the realities of the situation in which Israel was indeed a prop of American Jewry.

In one university, I discovered that two-thirds of the pro-Palestinian organization was Jewish — but on the whole students are less involved than a decade ago. There may be a vague unease concerning Israel's settlement policy — but few will get worked up over the issue.

There is a considerable ally potential, especially among the young. Many have their reservations about the U.S. and see Israel as their first option — if only the initial problems could be solved. Forty per cent of those who do come on aliyah — and 80 per cent of those who stay — are religious.

But there are many other possible candidates, some of the most promising having been hooked on Israel by a young programme. The most likely candidate I met told me that he was sure he would have no difficulty in finding a job in Israel. When I asked his occupation, he answered, "I'm a currency printer."

ON THE RELIGIOUS scene, there are strong pulls in the three main trends to the right. This is most apparent among the Orthodox, where the so-called "modern Orthodox" have been losing ground rapidly to the more extreme groups. Agudat Israel has become a power; the extreme Orthodox can deliver their followers when it comes to voting, unlike the other religious groupings. Their strength is in New York; outside, they are weak or non-existent.

Rough estimates put the number of Orthodox Jews at 400-500,000. This is similar to the figure of a decade ago — only now it is thought that half of them may belong to the extreme groups. Perhaps half of these adhere to the anti-Zionist Satmar sect, which is by far and away the largest. The Lubavitcher Hasidim are not among the large sects — but it sometimes seems that way thanks to their sophisticated public relations.

One migratory trend inside America today is worth keeping an eye on — the move to the sun belt. This stretches from California through Texas and Georgia to Miami. Americans in general are moving down there (including a considerable number of blacks who now find the atmosphere in the south less tense than in the cities in the north).

There are indications that Greater Miami is overtaking Los Angeles as the second largest Jewish city in the world. In the words of a New York professor: "Our ancestors spent 1,000 years fighting Zoroasterism — and their descendants worship the sun."

ALMOST A YEAR after its founding, the Institute for Jerusalem Studies still has one-third of its founding grant, and it is looking for some \$50,000 to implement a comprehensive, computerized data bank that will make demographic, economic and geographic facts about the capital immediately available to anybody interested in the city.

The Institute, a joint Hebrew University-Jerusalem Foundation applied research workshop, is run on voluntary help from senior academics at the Hebrew University. It started last January with 100,000 Deutsche Marks, an apartment in Rehavia donated by the Ellachars, a veteran Jerusalem family, and two part-time workers.

The Institute has already prepared 15 major research proposals that are up for sale to government and private institutions.

"The computerized data bank is our infrastructure and it is most important," says Ora Ahimeir, assistant to the institute director, and a driving force behind the workshop.

But while Ahimeir emphasizes the importance of the data bank to the workshop itself, she also points out that it will be of "immeasurable service" to both practical and theoretical investigators of Israel's capital.

## A capital project

By ROBERT ROSENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

UNLIKE other institutes that concentrate on the individual, historic, religious or demographic factors that make up the city, the Institute brings into each of its research proposals all the urban issues that together make Jerusalem unique.

Organising seminars on various topics, ranging from architecture in the Old City to building conservation in the new city, the Institute delves into all the elements that have formed the city. These elements, plus the architecture of the city, make Jerusalem a centre of interest for urban affairs experts from all over the world.

The Institute's prestigious, but financially meagre, fellowship programme has already brought Canada's former under-secretary of housing, Peter Oberlander, to Jerusalem, as well as leading international urban affairs expert Jean Gottman, the author of "Megalopolis".

The \$50,000-income each year that the institute needs in order to function is still not guaranteed, but Ahimeir hopes that negotiations with government and municipal institutions for the purchase of institute research proposals will soon bear fruit.

CARTA, the city corporation that is giving a facelift to the Mamilla neighbourhood in one of the country's largest urban-renewal projects, has already sought the services of the institute in its study of the urban centre of the city slated for rehabilitation.

Another major project planned by the institute is the compilation of a comprehensive bibliography on Jerusalem. So far, the most comprehensive bibliography is an eight-volume work that deals with the period from 1876 to 1945. The Institute hopes to expand on that collection, not only bringing it up to date but including manuscripts hidden away in churches, synagogues and mosques, as well as in the dusty files of government offices.

Tucked away on a Rehavia side street, the institute is looking forward to its second year: "It usually takes up to five years for an applied research institute to find its feet," says Ahimeir. "We're proud it took us only a year to find our direction and start work."

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## Enriching experience

MUSIC REVIEWS

Shostakovich Sonata, which was the last work he wrote before his death in 1976. This is a very moving, rather sad reflection of the master's last musical thoughts, expressing bitterness, maybe even disappointment over his life's achievements. A weighty composition, it is a valuable addition to the not too generous repertoire of viola sonatas. The work was given a most dedicated performance by both artists and impressed by its depth and emotional impact.

One wished that the pianist had made some personal contribution and showed some temperament, something beyond faithfully reading the notes.

YOHANAN BOHEM

"SOUND — STYLE — ERA," with Valery Malsky, organ, and the "Cameron Singers" conducted by Avner Bal (December 4). Works by Dukay, Beethoven, Debussy, Chopin, Liszt, Schubert, Prokofiev, Debussy, Ravel, and others.

Gabriel, Scandell, Hassler, Palestrina, Morley, Scriabin, Kozel, Bachner.

IMAGINATIVE cooperation between the Tel Aviv Museum and the department of musicology at Tel Aviv University resulted in a new concert series: "Sound — Style — Era." Each of the six concerts planned will be devoted to one era: Renaissance, baroque, romantic, classical, impressionism, contemporary. Each concert will be preceded by a lecture-demonstration from one of the department's lecturers.

The first concert, dedicated to the Renaissance with Dr. Shai Burstyn delivering the lecture, turned out to be a huge success. Rezanati Auditorium filled to capacity, and hundreds of young enthusiasts had to be turned away. Dr. Burstyn illustrated his one-hour talk with musical examples played and sung by members of the musicological

department's Collegium Musicum and by colour slides of Renaissance part music.

The concert proper was divided into two parts, the first with Valery Malsky alternating between the organ and the harpsichord, and the second featuring the "Cameron Singers." Some of Malsky's choices were questionable, and his execution, despite the relative simplicity of the music, not always flawless. The "Cameron Singers," however, delighted in all nine of their numbers. The group has acquired a new idiomatic flexibility, a new vocal clarity and a new exactness of intonation.

The museum and the department of musicology should be warmly congratulated for this blessed initiative, but more important, one must hail the public. This concert proved that the younger generation can be enormously receptive if given the right opportunity. The museum should also draw some conclusions about having more frequently attended piano recitals and conventional chamber music concerts and more special events that widen horizons.

BENJAMIN BAZ-AM

## Spotlight on TA

SOCCER PREVIEW  
Paul Kohn

Shlomo Kirat, transferred to Bnei Yehuda; and Yossi Avrahami, injured, little indeed was seen last Saturday of a Jerusalem Betar attack, which has netted only seven goals in 11 games. Danny Neuman has made Betar virtually a one-man team, and this will probably not be good enough against an in-form Tel Aviv Hapoel.

League leaders Netanya Maccabi entertain an improved Tel Aviv Betar, while the defences of these sides have both conceded nine goals. The Netanya attack is a cut above that of Betar. At home, Oded Maccabi, David Lavie, Benny Lamm, Moshe Gariani and Co. should pack too much punch up front for the Tel Avivians.

One of the most interesting games will be played in Yehud, where the home Hapoel faces Beersheba Hapoel. After an extremely disappointing start to this season, Beersheba Hapoel are putting their game together. If the Negev team could only perform half as successfully away as it does

in Beersheba, it would surely be among the leading clubs.

A BOTTOM of the table clash will take place in Jaffa where includes Jaffa Maccabi, who foot the table, play Patah Tikva Hapoel who are in 14th spot. Jaffa Maccabi have scored only three goals, all from the penalty spot, and Patah Tikva Hapoel have netted one goal in their last six matches. Jaffa Maccabi cannot be as bad as their amazingly poor record reads, and there will not be many better opportunities for winning than against this Saturday's opposition.

Four punters managed to mark correctly the results of 13 matches featured on last week's Sportoto football pool coupon, and will each collect a TL1m. The 60 coupons with 13 correct results on them will each be worth IL25,000. Eleven results will win IL1,700, and ten results will receive cheques for IL500.

Sportoto announced a minimum TL1m. pay-out after this week's game, including TL1m. among those getting all 13 listed results right.

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# Several trusts help the Toy Fund every year

**Jerusalem Post Staff**  
The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund hopes that all of its pre-Hanukkah commitments will be ready for distribution before the first candle is lit tomorrow night. There is always a rush, but our readers have been kind in getting their contributions to us.

Yesterday's donations came to IL36,502.00, bringing the total so far to IL465,776.84. We are pleased to note that many of our contributors have upped their gifts because of inflation. That inflation, of course, has sent our costs spiralling — so please keep the cheques coming.

Trust funds in favour of The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund have done well this year. The A.J.S. Fund, now in its 12th year, brought us IL165.00. The Sarah Horowitz Memorial Fund is now in its seventh year. It was set up in accordance with the deceased's will, where she stated that the Toy Fund was one of her favourite charities, to which she had contributed almost from the start. It brought us \$489.34 this year.

These funds are administered by the Bank Leumi Le-Israel Trust Company, as will the new fund — the Andy DeFrance Memorial Fund, which has just been set up.

Jimmy Frohlich (Ron) writes us: "I am having my barmitzva on December 22 and have received this cheque from my aunt and uncle. I would like to donate it to The Post's Toy Fund for someone less fortunate than I." His cheque for \$200, properly endorsed, arrived yesterday.

If you are sending in your donation, mail it to: The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund, P.O. Box 81, Jerusalem. Or bring it to The Jerusalem Post Head Office in Romema. In Tel Aviv the office of The Jerusalem Post is at 11 Rehov Carlebach, and in Haifa: The Jerusalem Post, 34 Rehov Heral, or the Hadar Book Subscriptions, 16 Rehov Heral (Beit Hakronot Passage).

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children, birds and flowers, and who was a faithful reader of The Jerusalem Post — from her daughters and sons. \$225 Jimmy Frohlich (Ron), Jerusalem, who is celebrating his barmitzva on December 22, and is donating one of his cheques. William and Suzanne Spellberg, Skokie, Ill. Morton and Zella Armour, Milwaukee, Wis. IL700 For our grandchildren Gil, Talva, Leora, Nira, Sariel, Eyal, Shira — Sol and Barbara Liebowitz, Jerusalem. In honour of the wedding of Michael Glaser and Irit, Herta and Paul Amir, Jerusalem. In honour of our grandchildren Dina, Motti, Michal, Yoni, Merav, Eli, Ari and Rocky — from Saba v'Savta Pickholtz. IL500 From Dave, Myra and Shai, Mishmar David. In loving memory of A.R. and W.A. Bernheim, my uncle Shig and my aunt Lydia. Paula and Edward — E.S. Edler, Jerusalem. IL400 In honour of moving into our new apartment — Mr. & Mrs. Fred Bergman, Seattle, Wash. \$10 Anonymous, Vancouver, B.C. Birger and Lial Schapiro, Stockholm, Sweden. In honour of our children Andrea, Miriam, Seth, Joel and Joy — Dr. & Mrs. Irvin J. Farber, Philadelphia, Pa. IL410 My dear children have a very happy Hanukkah — I.C. Krilikier, Herzliya. IL400 In memory of our beloved parents — Dr. Leo and Dvora Wisnitsky, Haifa, N.N. In memory of my beloved husband Bandi — Gerda Grünwald, Jerusalem, N.N., Jerusalem. Hanukkah greetings to the David Fink Family and especially to their "Dividends" from their cousins in Haifa. IL300 Anonymous, per M.E. IL200 In loving memory of Dr. Jacob Samuel Fischer — from Chava, John, Yasmine and Bryan Hall. In honour of Dr. A. Danieli, given by her neighbours on the occasion of her leaving them to join a retirement home. In loving memory of my husband Ben Weislich — Dr. Camilla Weislich. IL200 G. Cohen, Tel Aviv. In the name of Mor and Adi Baruch, in honour of Mickey and Tzachi Stern — from their grandmother Ida Enkel. In memory of our friend Meyer Samolov of Herzliya — Mr. & Mrs. Morris Jacobson, Beverly Hills, Calif. IL150 In memory of our beloved Reb Abba Sternfeld, the Hollander family. Anonymous, Jerusalem. Lily Steiner, Haifa. IL150 H. Vitkin, Herzliya. Instead of Hanukkah gifts for my young friends Ori, Yael and Rutim, M. & Klar — Mrs. & Mr. Lippmann. IL100 Dita Natzer, Haifa. IL90 Five times "Hal" for our grandchildren Sharon, Noah, Iris, Jonathan and Haran — R.E.M. IL70 In honour of our fourth grandchild Dana Rahav of Netanya — her grandparents Jaal and David Zohar, Haifa. \$234 David and Rahel Lapidus Lerner, New York. \$8 In memory of my husband — Mrs. M. Spector, Philadelphia. Mrs. Jenny Rothchild, Philadelphia. \$4 Rose Fagan, Worcester, Mass. IL200 D.L. Levy, Tel Aviv, Ruthie, Holon. In honour of Anat's first birthday — Susan and Ben Weislich, Alfred and Hana Weil, Tel Aviv. N. Raphael, Kiryat Bialik. IL200 Ahuva and Zev Mann, Jerusalem.

# Money Matters

Thursday, December 22, 1971 The Jerusalem Post

## Half of all contractors are idle now. Builders warn of crisis unless government relaxes its credit restrictions

**By ALAN ELSNER**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Dire warnings were issued yesterday by heads of the building industry that unless the government reconsiders its new tight credit regulations to house and flat buyers, a collapse in the industry may not be far off.

"As many as 50 per cent of contractors are not building at the moment," Mordechai Paldi, director-general of the Association of Builders and Contractors, told The Jerusalem Post. "Others have considerably cut down on projects. The number of building starts this month is a fraction of the figure six months ago."

These warnings came a day after the news that the Rasaco building company is in the throes of a "grave crisis" due to the drastic fall in sales over the past four months. Rasaco chairman Haim Duvshany said yesterday that the company had a stock of some 500 flats all over the country, which it cannot sell.

In view of Rasaco's cash-flow problems, Duvshany met Jewish Agency Chairman Arie Dulsin last week and requested emergency aid from him. The Agency is a majority shareholder in the company. Dulsin reportedly said that the Agency was in no position to extend aid and that the company would have to ride out the crisis on its own.

The company has announced a programme of cuts in its 700-strong workforce, but few dismissals have been made thus far. Members of the board of directors also agreed to take a voluntary pre-tax wage



## New heavy trucks assembled here

**By YITZHAK OKED**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Automotive Industry Ltd. (A.I.L.), the assemblers in Israel of Ford automobiles, will on Sunday start the distribution of the first heavy trucks assembled at the plant.

At a press conference this week to introduce the new truck, Amnon Libar, general manager of Israel Automobile Corporation, the sole distributors here of Ford automobiles, said that the new model is designed to meet the needs of a special market in the heavy truck field.

During the first stage the plant will produce two types of truck, a 350 HP and a 280 HP model. The bigger engine will cost about IL200,000, the smaller one about IL150,000.

The plant already has 20 orders. The new production line is capable of putting out four or five heavy trucks a day. It takes about two weeks to assemble a complete truck.

## Gold hits \$450 an ounce

London (Reuters). — Gold hit another record price yesterday as world markets became anxious over the prospects of more oil price rises and over the Iranian situation — but the metal edged back in value today.

The dollar staged a partial recovery after sinking against most major currencies on the foreign exchange markets.

Gold eased back and the dollar recovered after U.S. Treasury Under-Secretary for Monetary Affairs, Anthony Solomon, said the U.S. was continuing to consult with other major countries to develop a cooperative response to any pressure on the dollar.

In testimony prepared for a Senate banking subcommittee, he also said he expected the U.S. current account to be in approximate balance this year, compared with a deficit of \$14.1 billion last year.

Yesterday morning gold was traded on the key London auction market at a record price of \$449.50 an ounce. Later it rose as high as \$450 an ounce, but it dropped back to \$448.25 by the end of the day.

## 1,000 textile workers dismissed

**By JOSHUA BRILLIANT**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some 1,000 textile workers throughout the country have received two-week dismissal notices and other enterprises have announced plans to lay off hundreds more. The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday.

The government and the Histadrut, however, differ on the meaning of the development. Both told The Post there is no serious unemployment yet. But while Barish Haklai, the director-general of the employment service, maintained the worst was over, Histadrut Central Committee member Neftali Ben-Moche warned of further deterioration.

Haklai said that since Finance Minister Yigal Hurvitz announced his new austerity plan, enterprises have announced their intention to lay off 1,200 to 1,500 workers. Another 850 requests for workers had been cancelled, he said.

The shortage of jobs is still acute in the Jerusalem, Beersheba and Jezreel Valley areas, he said. But the number of dismissal notices which immediately followed Hurvitz's statements has declined. Instead demands for more workers began to trickle in. He acknowledged, however, that there may be some cases of unemployment where people lose their jobs but where new employment is available.

Haklai stressed there are no signs of a situation in which no jobs at all are available for those who are laid off.

But the Histadrut's Ben-Moche warned that the recent developments were "the first signs of unemployment."

## 'Collect taxes, don't raise rates,' business leader tells Finance Minister

**By MACABEE DEAN**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Increasing the top income tax rate from 60 to 70 per cent will not bring in more revenue, but less, Avner Ben-Yakar, chairman of the Coordinating Committee of the Economic Organizations, yesterday told Finance Minister Yigal Hurvitz in a letter.

Ben-Yakar pointed out that higher taxes would persuade many persons to avoid any effort to increase their income, since most of what they earned ended up with the Treasury and not in their own pockets. "Moreover, it will influence more persons to try to evade paying taxes," he said.

Today he noted, Israelis pay one of the highest income tax rates in the world.

He also pointed out that the income tax system of 1970, which lowered taxes rather than raising them, raised the revenue 20 per cent, not drop.

Ben-Yakar thought that the solution to raising tax income lay in new ways that everyone in the country paid his due share, that is, income tax dodgers should be sought and forced to pay.

"Even the Commissioner of State Revenues has stated that there is plenty of room to obtain more income by seeing that tax dodgers are caught," the letter concluded.

## Shavit against merging two municipal taxes into one, higher business tax

**By MACABEE DEAN**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The local authorities cannot solve their financial problems — one in great part to mismanagement and hidden unemployment — by making industry pay huge increases in taxes, Avraham Shavit, chairman of the Manufacturers Association said yesterday in a letter to the ministerial committee dealing with problems of municipal rates.

Shavit noted that the committee had proposed merging the present two municipal taxes, the municipal rates (arvona) and business tax, into one new "business rates" tax. "The new business rates tax," he pointed out, "in many cases will increase the sums we have to pay not by hundreds of per cent, but by thousands of per cent."

He cited the case of a plant in the north which today pays a total of IL250,000 for its municipality. "Under the proposed arrangement, this company will have to pay IL7,000,000. This is an increase of 3,040 per cent, and constitutes 26 per cent of the VAT now being paid by this plant."

Shavit said this tremendous hike in taxes would impose intolerable difficulties on the plant — "which is now struggling to stay afloat due to problems of development, rates and wages being higher than the exchange rate of the dollar."

Moreover, it will help fan the inflationary spiral.

The solution to the financial difficulties facing local authorities, Shavit thought, would be "for them to put their financial houses in order."

## Fishermen adjust to 'peace' reality

**By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The second of three fishing boats destined for use off the Sinai coast arrived here yesterday. The boats were ordered in Italy just before the "Sadat peace initiative," which closed the Sinai fishing grounds for Israel.

The first boat arrived three months ago, but its owners, two local fishermen, for personal reasons have not put it into operation yet. The last of the three vessels is due to arrive next month.

The 48-ton, fibreglass-hulled trawlers cost \$100,000 each, and were designed as dual-purpose boats for shrimp and regular trawling. They were each financed by an IL1.5m. government development loan, and a IL700,000 Agriculture Ministry grant each, with the rest invested by the fishermen. In view of the difficulties caused by the closure of the Sinai coast, the government has agreed to postpone the start of repayment of the 12-year loans until next June.

The new vessel, to be named, Mikhamet, was ordered by three

## Oops — wrong names

The developer of the slush analyzer for oil traces, described in these columns yesterday is Emlil Ab and not Michael Ab.

The Israel Lands Administration, and not the Jewish National Fund, has purchased office space in the City Tower building at Jerusalem, and not as reported in yesterday's story.

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## Saudia takes a \$11.3m. loan from Japan — to set up a joint methanol plant

**TOKYO (AP).** — Japan has decided to lend 2.7 billion yen (\$11.3m.) to Saudi Arabia to help finance a methanol plant project. Kyodo News Service reported yesterday.

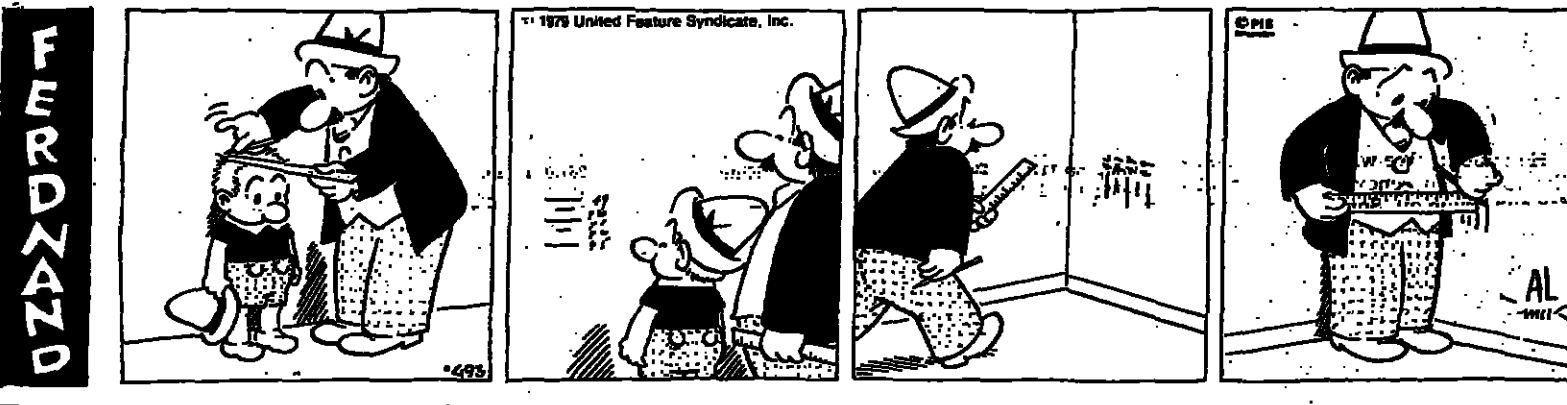
The funds are to be used to help set up a Japanese-Saudi Arabian joint company, which will run the projected plant at Al-Jubayl on the Persian Gulf. The equally owned joint company is to be capitalized at \$74m.

A formal agreement on the project was signed between a group of three Japanese companies — Mitsubishi Gas Chemical, C. Itoh & Co. and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries — and the state-run Saudi Arabian Basic Industry Corporation late last month.

Under the agreement, the joint firm is to be established by the end of this year and construction of the 600,000-ton-a-year methanol plant is to begin early next year, with completion scheduled for 1982.

Five-sixths of the methanol produced at the plant is to be shipped to Japan for the first five years.

The project will be the first case of Japanese cooperation in Saudi Arabia's industrial projects.



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**EASY PUZZLE**

**ACROSS:**  
1. House (5)  
2. Rhythmic movement (6)  
3. Commissioned (7)  
4. Defect (3)  
5. Leg (3)  
6. Place (3)  
7. Small island (4)  
8. In short supply (6)  
9. Continued (7)  
10. 200 attendant (7)  
11. Certain (4)  
12. Form of address (7)  
13. Tails (7)  
14. Snake (5)  
15. Make cold (5)  
16. Very keen (5)  
17. Hamstring (7)  
18. Group of (5)  
19. Opposing (5)

**DOWN:**  
1. Artist (5)  
2. Word (5)  
3. Small amphibian (5)  
4. Not true (3)  
5. Protection (7)  
6. Wine (5)  
7. Wound (5)  
8. Choices (5)  
9. More aged (5)  
10. Pig's nose (5)  
11. Part of vehicle (5)  
12. One of the other (5)  
13. Hero (5)  
14. Consider as an affront (5)  
15. Frowned (5)  
16. Punishment (4)  
17. Tentative (2)

**CRYPTIC PUZZLE**

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By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter
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THE JERUSALEM POST

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Secrecy is no answer

AN ARMY — practically any army — walks, if it only can, in secrecy. Because of the very nature of its task it must keep its ways and means, its weapons and procedures, all to itself.

But an army that, like Israel's, is not a closed professional caste, but draws its vitality from the people at large, must temper the rigour of secrecy with the imperative of openness.

This means that they must be informed as to how things really are, and how and why they are to be changed in the armed forces.

Dispute about the extent of permissible disclosure is inevitable. What is an abuse of military censorship to one person is liable to appear as a minimal measure of security to another.

A case in point is the proposed shake-up of the armed forces under the Tal reform.

This involves both the setting up of a new ground forces command, and the co-opting of Aluf (Res.) Israel Tal back into the army as the head of the command.

Recently it was revived in a somewhat watered-down version, and last month it was finally approved by Mr. Weizman, with the consent of Mr. Gur's successor, Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan.

Within the army opposition was this time, on the whole, subdued. But it was not entirely muted; it was merely that the censor would not allow it to be reported.

What followed could fairly be described as scandalous. It was an outright, and incredibly vulgar, attack by Mr. Gur, not only against the reform plan but about the professional competence of Mr. Tal.

But what, it might be asked, if Mr. Gur, a former chief of staff, is right after all? Why could there not have been discussions in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee where he and other experts could have aired their views before the final decision was taken?

As it was, the decision was taken by Mr. Weizman himself, without even consultation (which is not constitutionally required) with the cabinet.

Chances are that the committee will offer a more-or-less similar treatment to another decision just taken by the defence establishment, meaning again Mr. Weizman with the consent of Rav-Aluf Eitan.

Had the proposals been adopted, the chief of staff would have been stripped of his power of commuting sentences handed down by the military courts, which he exercised in the notorious Pinto case, for example.

Worse, it means that in the future too there will be no legal bar to the chief of staff's wilful tampering with the verdicts of military courts.

Such publication may conceivably do some harm. But far greater harm is being done by the concealment of matters that must be, and that sooner or later will come into, the public domain.

A major plan of military reorganization is not a private matter for the professionals, nor is the extension of clemency to officer convicts by their higher-ups. To withhold vital information on such matters from the citizenry in a democracy, is in the long run to risk undermining the nation's confidence in its military leadership.

ISRAEL'S cities have been sent into a financial tailspin as a result of the separation of power and responsibility. And that division dates back to the British Mandate when the High Commissioner dealt with "natives."

The government, and not the city, finances most city services, and when the government doesn't come across with the money, it is the cities that get the flak from irate citizens.

Jerusalem, for example, earned only 10 per cent of its budget this year from municipal taxes. For the rest of the IL2.2b. budget, it had to go to the Interior Ministry.

Even with the authorization in its pocket, Jerusalem has a budget deficit, which can be directly traced to inflation.

The Interior Ministry, by order of the Treasury, in April linked the IL2.2b. to an annual 48 per cent inflation rate.

But since then inflation has reached at least 120 per cent, and indeed, the subsequent loss of IL300m. is almost precisely the size of the municipal deficit.

Jerusalem took austerity measures several months before Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz's

LIKE all those readers who have written protesting to The Jerusalem Post, I wish to add my complaint about the unbalanced report presented by the TV consumer programme Kolbotek on the work of the Israel Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

I do so not only as an animal lover, but also as a journalist concerned lest the credibility of one of the profession's hitherto most effective instruments for protecting citizen's rights be adversely affected.

The trouble is that the ISPCA's devoted chairman, Hilda Friedstein, who so selflessly spends day after day at the society's shelter putting in longer hours than any paid employee, is too engrossed in her duties to be publicly-minded.

The programme was certainly unfair to Mrs. Friedstein and the other devoted people at the shelter. The society certainly fills a need not met by any other body in this country, and its seven (and a half) employees do a marvellous job,

plus the volunteers who help them. They do their best to keep an old building as clean and tidy as possible. They handled 415 dogs and cats in their "pet pension" between January 1978 and May 1979.

Anyone visiting the shelter cannot but be impressed by the constant stream of entire families bringing their animals for treatment or looking for new pets. The shelter found new homes for 971 cats and dogs during the period mentioned above.

Also, the Kolbotek organizers declined to use the commendatory report on the shelter from Dr. Y. Roltman, director of the Tel Aviv regional veterinary services. Moreover, they cut out part of the comment from the shelter's own vet, Dr. Eliezer Roltman, wherein he explained that—despite overriding odds, the ISPCA managed to care adequately for the cats and dogs in its care, having — for lack of a better choice — adapted their needs a shelter built originally for camels.

THE HIGH COURT'S RULING ON EILON MOREH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I wish to clarify certain facts in connection with Doris Lankin's article of November 18, "What the Court meant" concerning the High Court decision in the case of Eilon Moreh.

The 700 dunams seized by order of the Military Government, on which Eilon Moreh was built, consist mostly of privately-owned land, and not state land as Mrs. Lankin wrote. The High Court ruled that the seizure of the whole area was illegal. As a result, the Eilon Moreh settlers were on privately-owned land illegally and the Government had expropriated the whole area and not only the 125 dunams belonging to the petitioners, and to return all of it to its proprietors even if the latter had not petitioned for its return.

From the moment the decision was handed down, the Minister of Justice was unequivocal in his legal opinion that the judgment had to be executed in letter and spirit. This meant accepting the explicit ruling of the High Court that the Military Government's seizure was illegal and that the Government could not continue to act on its basis.

The principle of the rule of law which guided the Minister of Justice in his fight to honour the agreement with the state attorneys was also the basis of his reasoning

majority decides. Israelis who are interested in that travelling group should be made aware of the inappropriate companions with whom they present themselves to the American Jewish community. In the Chicago area, where I have observed them, they have organized public meetings in which they appeared as a panel along with some Palestinians who are locally well known apologists for the PLO. It is understandable that Israelis might seek constructive dialogue with representatives of any camp, but when they come to the American Jews for political support and understanding, why do they invite a bunch of PLO propagandists into that particular conversation?

Also, why did they not confine their contacts with that Palestinian group to private conversation? They have now given the PLO a forum which it was never able to acquire on its own, and they have given its propagandists a visibility and an appearance of respectability which they did not have before.

ONE LAW FOR ALL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — It grieves me greatly to see people who proclaim they are "religious" perpetrating grave crimes against Judaism. Their actions in throwing stones on the Sabbath and in breaking into people's apartments because they don't agree with their activities is nothing short of HUKAL Hashem and acts of terror. The fact that the government does not act against these so-called "religious" people has brought about an atmosphere of general disrespect for the law.

My husband and I visit Israel very often and have witnessed a

deterioration in morals and in moral attitudes during the last few years which is very depressing. The Torah tells us that we must not treat people differently in a court of law — one law for all. The government must insist that these people obey the law. When they break it, they must be arrested and brought to trial and if found guilty, they must be punished as any other law-breaker.

When there is one law for religious fanatics and another for other Israelis, Jews and Arabs, then we as Jews are doomed.

SHOBHANA SHIBER Jerusalem (Toronto).

DEALING WITH THE 'NATIVES'

Jerusalem's financial difficulties emphasize the problems caused by the government controlling the funds for municipal services, writes The Post's ROBERT ROSENBERG.

The city froze some 1,000 of its 7,000 jobs. It refrained from taking costly high-interest dollar loans from abroad. It cracked down on hundreds of high-stakes tax evaders by putting liens on their bank accounts.

These measures have earned the city some additional funds with which to continue the operations, but the IL190m. owed to the city by the Education Ministry, for example, or the millions lost because of inflation are the problem. According to city officials, a Hurvitz promise of money will keep salaries going another three months, but the same officials note that only the Transport and Health Ministries don't owe money to Jerusalem.

"The root of the problem is that the government of the State of Israel has carried on the British Mandate's tradition of believing the natives weren't capable and not trustworthy enough to raise their own budgets — and not wanting to give out any powers to the natives the Mandatory authorities reserved the budgetary powers of the city to themselves," according to Rafal Davara, an aide of Mayor Teddy Kolek.

In the wake of the Tel Aviv municipal strike, Jerusalem is using this "natives" issue as a slogan to hit at the government, Davara said.

"When we have to cut back on services because the Education Ministry doesn't pay us the money it owes for work already done, does

the citizen expecting those services understand it's not our fault?" Davara asks. "We're the ones in the front lines," he says, "not the government that doesn't pay its bill."

What bothers Kolek and other high-ranking city officials is that the uncertainty of the city's financial condition will sabotage Jerusalem's good labour relations.

Already last Friday, when a computer error accidentally slashed city workers' salaries, employees in the water department, thinking the city had taken unilateral steps to cut costs, shut their offices for a stormy workers' committee session. Sources inside that meeting said talk was "more extreme than moderate."

But that metaphor may not be strong enough. A sword of Damocles hangs heavy over the city. The good relations between management and workers have been strained in large part to the work of the general manager, Ronnie Stein. But Stein leaves his job at the end of this month. And for the first time in a decade, Jerusalem may feel the strains of labour unrest as inflation, low wages, and the government's failure to pay its debts on time, fray the slender thread holding off bankruptcy.

It was the first time in nearly a decade that workers closed their doors to the public in Jerusalem city hall, and only after assurances that the computer accident hit everybody and that workers would be compensated the full amount on Sunday did the water department employees go back to work.

But the red flag was raised. An estimated 50 per cent of the city workers earn less than IL10,000 a month gross, and they aren't all blue-collar labourers. A secretary in the top floor offices at Jerusalem city hall may be divorced and have two children, but she's earning only IL5,500 a month. The Jerusalem Post has learned. The city's blue-collar workers earn much less.

Davara likens the city's condition to a strong swimmer. In seas that have changed from choppy to stormy. No matter how hard the city swims, it will inevitably be overwhelmed by inflation.

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neglect, for as it has been explained to me, virus is something that medical prevention has not yet cured. Thus it was unfair of the Kolbotek producers to pick out the owner of a pet that unfortunately fell sick on returning from the shelter. I know of many, including myself, who could have offered much happier stories.

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THE WORKER'S STANDARD OF LIVING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Paradoxically, in spite of rising costs, the worker's standard of living has increased steadily over the last 30 years. This is true not only of the skilled, but also the unskilled worker. Even large families are better off today than they were five or ten years ago. Yet Meisel wanted to call a general strike and is threatening to paralyse the country's economy in protest against the government's anti-inflationary measures.

Every demand for a wage rise has been explained by the Histadrut as necessary to maintain the worker's standard of living. But if

the worker's standard of living had been merely maintained, we would be living today as we lived in the 50s. What, in fact, the Histadrut has been fighting for (and succeeded in achieving) is a constant and significant rise in the standard of living. There is nothing wrong with that, as long as the country can afford it. But in the present crisis, and in view of the very high general standard of living, what justification can there be for Meisel's hysterical "concern" for the economic "plight" of the worker? H. SOPHER Haifa.

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POSTSCRIPTS

HAS THE SILLY season arrived? Well, maybe it's about time. At any rate, a reader in Kibbutz Merom Hagolan sends us the following: Q. Do you know which branch of the government has responsibility for the security fences on the border? A. The Ministry of De-Fence. (Sorry.)

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